



Bluffton United Methodist Church

1853-2024, 171 years

"The Mission of BUMC is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by sharing our loving relationship with Him through all our actions in worship, nurture, education, evangelism and outreach."

April 7, 2024 – white



Sunday Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Adult Sunday School: 9:45 AM

Nursery care for ages 6 weeks through 5 years available during each service.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. Derek K. Hakes

Wesley Ringers

Nancy Osgood, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Death has lost its old dominion

All: Let the world rejoice and shout!

One: Christ, the firstborn of the living

All: Gives us life and leads us out

One: Let us thank our God whose hope

All: Springs up from the ground

One: Christ is risen! Christ is giving

All: Life eternal, life profound!

(from "Cristo Vive" UMH 313, words by Nicholas Martinez/translation by Fred Kaan)

*OPENING HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia

UMH No. 162

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sally LeSage

HYMN

Because He Lives (verse 1)

UMH No. 364

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus. He came to love, heal and forgive

He lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my

Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives, all fear is gone

Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because

He lives!

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1, 13-29

Pew Bible Pages 956-957

SERMON

John 10:10

Keeley DiMartino

"I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly."

HYMN

Blessed Assurance (verse 1 & refrain)

UMH No. 369

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song praising my Savior all the day long!

This is my story, this is my song praising my Savior all the day long!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SUBMISSION

HYMN

Blessed Assurance (verse 2 & refrain)

UMH No. 369

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight

Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love

This is my story, this is my song praising my Savior all the day long!

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

UMH No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in

Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into

heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from

thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy

Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness

of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance (verse 3 & refrain)

UMH No. 369

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blessed,

Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love

This is my story, this is my song praising my Savior all the day long!

This is my story, this is my song praising my Savior all the day long!

MISSION MOMENT: Blessing Bags

Paula Kirkland

OFFERTORY

Rise Up, O Church of God

arr. Tammy Waldrop

Wesley Ringers

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

INVITATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Freely, Freely

UMH No. 389

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Be Glad in the Lord, and Rejoice

Russell Pascoe

Michael Cole, organist

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by the Glory of God

THIS WEEK AT BUMC

Sunday, April 7: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
 Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
 Quaker Meeting 4:00 PM (Annex)
 Kid's Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)
 Youth Praise Club 5:30 PM (Music Suite)
 Youth Group 6:00 PM (Annex)

Monday, April 8: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)
 Handbell Rehearsal 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, April 9: BMW Executive Meeting 10:00 AM (Annex)
 BUMC Staff Meeting 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 Backpack Buddies Food Delivery 12:00 PM (FH)
 Disciple III Class 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Wednesday, April 10: Backpack Buddies Packing Food 8:00 AM (FH)
 Disciple I Class 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
 Disciple II Class 11:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
 GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite)
 Chancel Choir 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 11: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
 Quilter's Meeting 9:00 AM (Annex)

Saturday, April 13: Ward Wedding Parking 1:00 PM

Sunday, April 14: Worship Services & Communion Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
 Second Sunday Fellowship between services (FH)
 Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
 General Conference Meeting 2:00 PM (Sanctuary)



04/08 – Mike Take	04/09 – Charles & Joann Garner
04/08 – Larry Stocker	04/13 – Bob & Jenny Brannen
04/09 – Paula brown	
04/09 – Sonja Russell	
04/10 – Ann Ansel	
04/10 – Diane Ciba	
04/11 – Gloria Johnson	
04/13 – Tom McCann	



MIRACLE JAR donations in March for **SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE** amounted to **\$1,257.50**. Thank you! The **MIRACLE JAR** for April will be for **BLESSING BAGS**. This is OUR church's project to pack 60 bags each month that are filled with 15 full-sized self-care items plus a note of encouragement from the church. The bags are delivered to Bluffton Self Help and Deep Well on Hilton Head. Checks may be written to the church with "miracle jar" on the memo line. Thank in advance for your donations.



For those who have experienced heartache such as loss of a loved one, loss of a job, or worsening health issues, this time can be very difficult and lonely. You may not be as enthusiastic because you are still grieving. If you wish to confidentially talk with someone, contact one of our Stephen Leaders today. They are: Janet LaMartina (208) 409-0476, Mary Ellen Parks (843) 368-1852 or Bill Stutesman (214) 435-0243.



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2024 is posted on the wall in the narthex. Reserve your flowers and indicate whether it's in memory or in honor of someone. The cost is \$50 for both arrangements.



New Groups Forming in 2024:
 If you are interested in joining/forming a...
 • Young adult Sunday School class
 • Men's or Women's Bible Study
 • Small Group

Please contact Sally LeSage, Director of Christian Education at blufftonumc.education@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!

Adult Prom – Tropical Nights Theme – May 3, 2024 – 6-8:30 PM Fellowship Hall - - - tickets go on sale soon!!!
 Nominations for King and Queen due April 12!

Proceeds to benefit the 2024 Live Nativity on December 17!



Mark your calendars now! VBS – calling all children ages 3- 5th grade and all youth and adult volunteers – our VBS this year will be June 17-21. Set up and Decorating Sunday afternoon, June 16. VBS 5:30 – 8 PM Monday through Thursday. Friday 5:30 to 8 PM – Kids' presentation and family cookout!



Scripture calls us to be fishers of men, be sent out at laborers of the harvest, to let our light shine before others, to be witnesses, ambassadors for Christ, to spread the gospel to all of creation, to go and make disciples of all nations!
 ... But what does all that *actually look like*?

What does it really mean to be an evangelist today?

Join us for 6 weeks as we explore this question and more in the book *Evangelism for the Non-Evangelist*.

Meetings will be **Wednesdays** at **10:00 AM, April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29** in the Music Suite. Books are \$14. Contact Keeley for more information.

PRAYER CONCERNS – Call the church office (843) 757-3351 to add or remove names

Rebecca Adler & Family	Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Barbara O'Connor
Daniel Alba	Richard Falon	Michelle O'Connor
Lana Armstrong	Donna & Kari Fiero	Mackenzie Orth
Rocky Austin	Warren Graves	Megan Phelps
Lois Barton	Jane Grim	Evelyn Reddish
Rita Bobko	David Harper	Tori Rinehart
Ashton Borgelt	Meredith Inglis	Linda Allen Smith
Jenny & Bobby Brannen	Vera Jones	Betty Thraikill
Jason Brown	Lloyd & Paula Lamb	Jackie Tuohig
Krystal Buck	Paul Laughlin	Brent & Jeanne VanBuskirk
Paul Bucklin	Ruth Markiewicz	Steve VanHorn
Jennifer Cartelli	Nick Maxim	Judy Walden
Lynn Cleveland	Judy McDonald	Joe Walter
Pat Cleveland	Marilyn Moore	Joan Wortman
Pat Crews	Elizabeth Napolitano	Rick Wortman
David De Paolis	Bob Newmarker	Helga Zebro

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$11,837:
 March 31st offering – TOTAL - **\$14,237.**
Attendance March 31st – Sunrise – **24**; 8:30 AM – **175**; 11:00 AM – **232** – TOTAL **431**
 Adult SS – **13**; Children - **5**
 March 24th on-line reviews - **26**

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED – Join us for worship service on Sundays in person or on-line at <https://www.youtube.com/c/BlufftonUnitedMethodistChurch/x>



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